any time after the expiry of 15 days from the date on which the motion for the reading of the Bill was carried. I, therefore, hold that the motion is not in order on the second ground, and should be disallowed.

(*The President ruled that the Bill was out of order.*)

Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

Deputy President.—Next item, Bill No. iii, by Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I beg to move that my Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation be read in Council.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I beg to second it.

Deputy President.—The Hon'ble Member should explain the Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The Members who are elected by rate-payers can become Chairman. The electorate must also be given an opportunity.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I support the Bill.

Deputy President.—There is no opposition?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—No, Sir.

(*The motion was put and agreed to.*)

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "*A Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation*".

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I request the President that the time limit may be waived.

Deputy President.—Yes. I waive it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I second it.

Deputy President.—But before the Bill is moved for consideration, under section (7) of Regulation II of 1100, the 2 clauses should be read in Council by the President.

(*The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration at once was put and agreed to.*)

Deputy President.—The first clause:—

"*That the Regulation may be called 'The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Regulation of 110' and it shall come into force at once*".

(*The clause was put and passed.*)

Deputy President.—The second clause:—

'*That it extends to the whole of Cochin*'.

(*The above clause was put and agreed to.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Under section 42 (1) I beg to move that this Bill be taken up and passed to-morrow.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I second it.

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Deputy President.—The question before the House is that "*the Bill be taken up and passed to-morrow by this House*".

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation.

Deputy President.—Next item is the Bill standing in the name of Mr. Thomas Manjuran.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move the introduction of my Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation. Before I read the Bill I may say a few words as regards the origin of the Bill and the present situation itself. The first clause of my Bill is as regards the *panayam* affair which has been a standing grievance to the tenants mainly of the Kanayannur Section of the Cochin Taluk and also certain portions of Irinjalakkuda and Talappalli. This grievance was brought to the notice of the Government a few years ago during the Diwanship of Vijayaraghava Chariar, and he was pleased to reply that this would be taken up into consideration as soon as the Council came into existence, and 4 years have passed after the formation of the Legislative Council and yet the Government have never cared to do anything in the matter. In fact till a year ago the attitude of the Government towards the Tenancy question was not the same as it is at present. Till a year ago the policy of the Government was one of non-committal. The permanent Diwan-President of this Council in his speech reported in Volume 2 stated that there was the Council functioning and that the Government would no more care to interfere in the matter. The tenants were assured that the Government will not trouble them or help them any more, although the people thought that the existing law, in certain aspects, was wrong. Now, however, the attitude of the Government radically changed. I do not know the reason for the change in the attitude of the Government, an attitude of partiality towards the Jenmi and, if I may be permitted to say, an attitude of reckless contempt for the will of the public. The permanent Diwan-President of this Council, I regret that he is not here to-day, threatened us a few months ago with the appointment of a Committee on the lines of the Raghavayya Committee to investigate Tenancy matters. This Council, in anticipation of such a move, brought forward an urgent resolution to the effect that, if the Government were going to appoint a committee, it must consist of 15 Members, of which 12 should be non-official Members elected by this Council and 3 nominated Members to be appointed by the Government. That was during S. F. C. Session. After the session the people went their ways and thought that the Government would not

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